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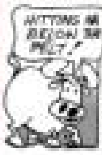
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SHOOTING THE BREEZE President Arroyo chats and dines with the media at the Paradise Resort in General Luna, Siargao Island, on Wednesday night. Light beer goes with light banter.

Erap: Many shortages are caused by 'shorty'



By Jocelyn R. Uy

HE WASN'T ON THE hustings yet, but Joseph Estrada yesterday took a swipe at President Macapagal-Arroyo for all sorts of shortages he said the

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Rice prices still soaring

Exporters' offers could push cost to P49 a kilo

By Amy Remo

PRICES OF RICE IN the country, which imports more than 10 percent of its annual rice requirement and is the world's top importer this year, may retail as high as P49 a kilo because the surge in international prices is relentless.

Rice futures in the United States set another all-time high on Thursday, just ahead of a tender by the Philippines for 500,000 metric tons.

The tender from the Philippines yesterday attracted offers to sell only about two-thirds of the volume it sought, a clear sign of the strain on rice output after major exporters began to curb exports earlier this year.

The Philippines received offers

RICE / A6



WHERE THE GREEN REVOLUTION BEGAN A worker harvests rice for research at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños, Laguna, which spearheaded the so-called Green Revolution in Asia in the 1960s by developing high yielding "miracle rice" varieties.

DOJ: Nani case weak after 'MJ' backed off

By Jocelyn R. Uy, Leila B. Salaverria and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

NO LESS THAN JUSTICE SECretary Raul Gonzalez thinks the Ombudsman would be hard put to pursue a graft case against former Justice Secretary Hernando "Nani" Perez since the original complainant, Mark "MJ" Jimenez, has withdrawn the charges, even as ousted President Joseph Estrada wants the book thrown at Perez for plunder.

Perez, one of President Macapagal-Arroyo's close political allies, is now a private citizen and is currently a member of the Philippine Orchid Society's board of directors.

On Wednesday, Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez denied Perez's motions seeking to dis-

DOJ, NANI / A14

Irri chief: Action plan with DA coming up

By Fernando del Mundo

LOS BAÑOS—ROBERT ZEIGLER, director general of the International Rice Research Institute (Irri), says that the Philippines is doing well to overcome the global food crisis that threatens to spark civil unrest and make millions more impoverished in the Third World.

Zeigler told the INQUIRER in an interview at Irri headquarters here in Laguna on Wednesday he had discussions with Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap last week on the rice situation in the Philippines.

"We are in the late stages of developing an action plan with the Department of Agriculture," Zeigler said. "We hope that Secretary Yap and I can finalize and can sign an accord that will lay out the direction

IRRI / A6



UPBEAT Dr. Robert Zeigler, Irri director general, says RP will overcome the global food crisis.



AT ONE of the Irri labs, a technician monitors the growth of hybrid rice varieties for propagation using tissue culture.

DOH probes rectal surgery on YouTube

By Jhunnex Napallacan, Inquirer Visayas, and Jeannette I. Andrade, in Manila

CEBU CITY—HEALTH SECRETary Francisco Duque III yesterday vowed to punish the doctors and nurses found to be involved in a rectal operation on a patient that exploded into a scandal after being shown on YouTube.

Duque said he was dismayed that the taking of pictures and

DOH / A10

Rights group hits Abadilla 5 life sentence

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS' AFfirmation of the murder convictions of the five men charged with the ambush-killing in 1996 of then Boron Norte Vice Gov. Rolando Abadilla has drawn criticism not only from their lawyer but from a Hong Kong-based human rights group.

Basil Fernando, executive director of the Asian Human Rights Commission, yesterday said there were actually two witnesses who had testified in the case, with one identifying Cesar Fortuna, Rameses de Jesus, Lenido Lumanog, Joel de Jesus and Augusto Santos as

RIGHTS / A14



MOVING The love in the audience was evident when the largest crowd ever to gather in the White House South Lawn during the Bush presidency sang "Happy Birthday" twice to Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope: Clergy sex abuse 'very badly handled'

WASHINGTON—THERE WERE NO HARSH words, no scolding from the pulpit.

But the message Pope Benedict XVI delivered to Roman Catholic bishops in the United States was stark: The scourge of clergy sex abuse had sometimes been "very badly handled" and the scandal had caused enormous pain as the result of priests betraying their vocation by sexually abusing minors with such "gravely immoral behavior."

Benedict's comments after evening worship Wednesday were his toughest critique yet of the US Church's worst problem.

Bishops must restore morale in the priesthood, the Pope said, comparing the pain and embarrassment of innocent clergy to "Christ in his Passion."

Feted on his 81st birthday, the German-born Pope began his first full day in America with a visit to the White House, where President George W. Bush welcomed him with a 21-gun salute, famed soprano Kathleen Battle sang a soaring "Lord's Prayer," and an enthralled crowd of more than 13,500 sang "Happy Birthday" twice.

The love in the audience was evident.

"How often in life do you get to sing happy birthday to the Pope?" said Brenda Hawk, a Sunday school teacher. "Even if you're not Catholic, it's darn cool!"

On a glorious spring day, lampposts fluttered with flags in the red-white-and-blue of America and yellow-and-white of the Holy See. The vast South Lawn was filled nearly to bursting with the largest crowd of

POPE / A8

Vatican 'corrects' Couples for Christ's 'GK' focus

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE VATICAN MERELY INTENDED TO guide and correct Gawad Kalinga's "overemphasis on social work" when it sent a letter to Couples for Christ (CFC) chiding it for its "erroneous steps," according to an official of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines.

Antipolo Bishop Gabriel Reyes, chair of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on the Laity, yesterday told the INQUIRER that the Vatican had the authority and duty to remind and guide lay groups.

He said he did not think that the letter from the Vatican referring to Gawad Kalinga—a social action group that was founded by the CFC and which has become hugely successful in building homes for the poor—was an admonition.

"It is more of a guidance, a correction. It is merely correcting the overemphasis on social work. It is correcting receiving funds from pharmaceutical companies [who support or manufacture contraceptives]. It is saying, stop acting like that," he said.

The bishop was asked to comment on a report on the ABS-CBN website that said the CFC had been chastised by the Vatican's

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WEATHER FORECAST

Hikes by wage boards way to go

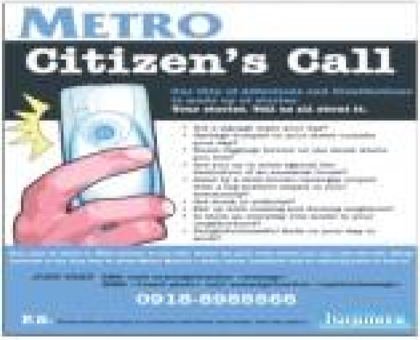
GMA, solons say pay increases would be instant, easier to adjust

MORE LAWMAKERS PREFER THAT THE REGIONAL tripartite wage boards, rather than Congress, set the minimum wage increase as they can act more quickly and can bring immediate relief to the poor who are grappling with the rising costs of food and fuel.

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Solons: Some islands in baselines not in RP's possession

By TJ Burgonio

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Int'l civil air agency cites security at Naia terminals

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Highly commendable

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Farmers welcome land conversion ban, seek permanent prohibition

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NO RICE, NO PRICE CONTROL



NOT BY RICE ALONE



Rice prices still soaring; may retail at ₱49/kilo



A LAIDBACK family



WAR ON RICE HOARDERS

Low inventory

Oil prices at record levels

More suppliers

Tapping all possible sources

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'Mosquito Gang'

Irri chief: Action plan with DA coming up

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Green revolution

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Post-harvest losses

RP has less rice land

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GMA: No rice price control

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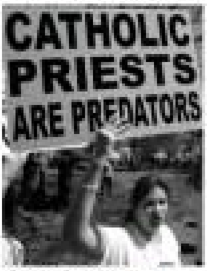


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'Bind up the wounds'



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Church must do better

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Happiness is like wine: It gets better with age

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It wasn't Faeldon on the line, says lawyer

By Alcuin Papa

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Int'l role, local response focus of disaster drills

Chief Justice Puno denies reports he's leaving Supreme Court early

By Leila B. Salaverria



A New City Rising: The Mall of Asia Complex





It's business as usual, say supermarkets

By Ronald W. Domingo

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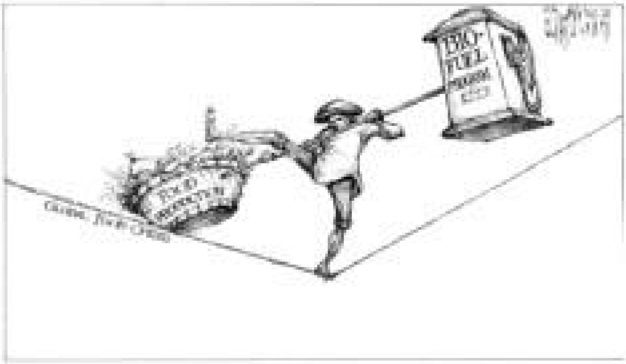
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Gov, bishop enter deal on rice crisis



By Carla P. Gomez

BACOLOD CITY—NEGROS OCCIDENTAL GOV. Isidro Zayco and Bacolod Bishop Vicente Navarra Wednesday created a joint committee to explore ways to bring down costs and make rice available to Negrenses.

Captors release Albay militant prior to 'amparo'

Most poor families found in W. Visayas

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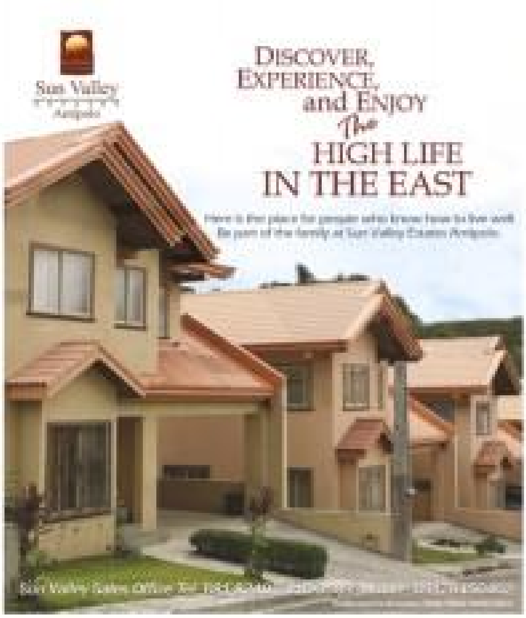
Envoy pays homage to Roxas role in Israel independence



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Binay says Gloria ‘politicized’ courts

'...those we depend on for public service become greedier and greedier'





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Pineda: It's God's will that I did not win



A CONSTRUCTION frenzy in Boracay is fast transforming the once pristine island into a congested vacation hot spot.

Local execs try to muffle party noise in Boracay

Noise reduction system

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Karina David: I did 'what simply needs to be done'

By TJ Burgonio

FOR DOING "WHAT SIMPLY NEEDS TO BE DONE" in the civil service, Karina Constantino-David received the Jit Gill Memorial Award for outstanding public service from the World Bank.

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A plus METRO

Police warn vs fake P500 bills

4 suspects nabbed in Manila raid

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FAKE P500 BILLS ARE CIRCULating in Manila, police said.

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Violation

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HORSE PLAY [illegible]

PNR lots in Paco eyed as site of new hospital

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5 suspects in palay price manipulation charged

By Tina G. Santos



COOL JOB

Lim's son questions legality of his arrest

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Taguig fields 6 more vehicles in anticrime drive

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2 workers die after fall from parking lot scaffold

Doctor dead in QC road mishap

Polar fantasies at Star City



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The WORLD

Top court clears way for US executions

WASHINGTON—THE SUPREME COURT ON Wednesday rejected a challenge to the lethal three-drug cocktail used in most US executions, clearing the way for a resumption of capital punishment halted since last September.

In '68, war, race tensions brought blood to US streets





Samsung boss charged with breach of trust

In tense debate with Obama, Clinton employs sharp attacks



Gaza fighting kills 21

Shot president returns to E. Timor





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Harbour keeps streak; BK wins

By Jasmine W. Payo

HARBOUR CENTRE CONTINUED ITS fresh overpowering form as the four-time PBL champion romped to an 86-71 win over San Mig Coffee yesterday and stretched its unbeaten run to 11 games in the Lipovitan Amino Sports Cup at The Arena in San Juan.

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Lascuña just 5 behind with a 72

Ikeda vs Q'land bet; Aunzo makes it

Realtors, Pals collide; Kings try to halt skid



Pumaren confident of his boys

By Jasmine W. Payo

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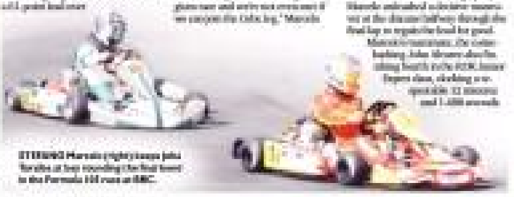
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Alcano opens World 8-Ball title defense

Marcelo fires up 2nd title bid



Chevron donates P3.5M for Olympic drive

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Spurs face Suns in West playoffs



SAN Antonio guard Tony Parker scores

NEW YORK—THE SAN Antonio Spurs crushed the Utah Jazz, 109-80, on Wednesday to secure the Western Conference third seed on the final day of the regular season.

Tony Parker had 24 points and 12 assists as last year's NBA champions ended the league campaign on a high note, setting up a first round playoff series against the sixth-seeded Phoenix Suns.

The teams met in a thrilling second round match-up last season which the Spurs won in six games on their way to a fourth NBA title in nine seasons.

It was a tough, physical series that featured numerous controversial fouls and bad feelings between the clubs.

"It's an unbelievable way to start the playoffs but that's how it is," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni told reporters after the Suns beat Portland, 122-95.

The final standings in the West were still undecided going into the last round of games, but San Antonio's win coupled with Houston's 93-73 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers set up the first round schedule.

San Antonio could have slipped to as low as sixth but made light work of the Jazz, shooting 72 percent in the first half to lead 65-39 at the break in a dominant display.

Tim Duncan contributed 14 points and 11 rebounds, and four other Spurs scored in double figures.

Fifth-seeded Houston will meet fourth-seeded Utah in another first round series, while the top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers will meet Denver and Dallas faces the second-seeded New Orleans Hornets.

In the Eastern Conference, the Boston Celtics hold the top seed after completing the regular season with the best overall record and will face the Atlanta Hawks in the first round. *Reuters*

Complete results: Celtics 113, New Orleans 97; Detroit 110, Philadelphia 103; Miami 103; Washington 95; Detroit 88; Cleveland 73; Indiana 103, New York 93; Boston 105, New Jersey 91; Miami 113, Atlanta 95; Minnesota 110, Milwaukee 101; 105, Chicago 101; Seattle 99, Houston 93; LA Clippers 73; San Antonio 109, Utah 80; Denver 120, Memphis 111; Phoenix 122, Portland 95; Seattle 99, Golden State 117-111

De Leon-Peñalosa rematch looms

MEXICAN WORLD BOXING COUNCIL SUPER BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPION Daniel Ponce De Leon is willing to take on all Filipino challengers, including bantamweight counterpart Gerry Peñalosa, and in the Philippines at that.

"I want to fight in the Philippines and face their best fighters or whoever is the attractive fight in the Philippines," De Leon told GMANews.TV through manager Joe Hernandez on Thursday. "Peñalosa said he wants a rematch and I'm willing to do it."

De Leon, who is defending his title against Juan Manuel Lopez on June 7, said he is already thinking of fighting Peñalosa, whom he beat last year.

Toby's summer play kicks off today

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Jankovic, Sharapova advance

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA—TOP seed and holder Jelena Jankovic weathered a night time set before crushing American qualifier Alexandra Stevenson 7-5, 6-0 in the Family Circle Cup second round on Wednesday.

Second-seeded Russian Maria Sharapova also cruised into the third round, brushing aside American Bethanie Mattek 6-0, 6-0 in an evening match.

Jankovic, runner-up to Serena Williams at this month's Sony Ericsson Open in Miami, next meets Russian Anastasia Rodionova, a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Amelie Mauresmo of France.

Slovak Agnieszka Radwanska, the 11th seed, battled from a set down to beat fellow Catherine of Romania 6-7, 6-2, 7-5 in a fluctuating encounter lasting two-and-a-half hours.

Fourth seed Elena Dementieva of Russia swept past American Jill Craybas 6-0, 6-2 and seventh-seeded Swiss Patty Schnyder beat Olga Govortsova of Belarus 7-6, 6-0. *Reuters*

Filipino driver hits US drifting big time



SLIDE SHOW: Lance Feliciano makes RP motorsports history.

HE CREATES MORE than tire squeals and smoke.

This precision demon is rocking American motor sports like no other Filipino before him.

Lance Feliciano shines brightly in the rapidly evolving discipline of drifting or, as the Americans call it, Formula D.

He made history in 2008 by becoming the only Filipino to be issued a professional competition license, making him one of the only 38 drivers eligible to compete in Formula D in the United States.

At 19, he was also the youngest to join the exclusive ranks.

Feliciano, who is supported by Whiz Oil, and his parents, Larry Feliciano and Christine Gonzales, moved to the US, when he was only two years old.

Larry, a former rally driver who drove Mitsubishi in the 1980s, hails from Antipolo.

"I'm very close to my dad," Lance said. "Although, he now lives in the Philippines, we always talk and he gives me pointers. He teaches me what kind of mental attitude I should have behind the wheel."

Feliciano got hooked on the sport at an early age, initially watching drifting videos from Japan where it is very popular.

"My Dad used to teach me in the hills of Antipolo," he recalled.

In October of 2006, Feliciano entered a five-race event which paraded the best drivers from the US West Coast.

Feliciano battled 55 drivers at the Irwindale Speedway and came away with the championship, plus a slot in the Nationals in Laughlin, Las Vegas.

He finished second overall there and received his professional license, one of the only four granted the certificate.

"Drifting involves precision," Lance said. "You need to have a well-tuned, perfectly conditioned, rear-wheel drive car with a good suspension."

And very expensive.

"You can go through a full set of tires in less than a day of competition, he said.

Feliciano will make an appearance at the Philippine Hobby Expo 2008 on April 26 at the Clark Expo. *Steve Silva, Contributor*



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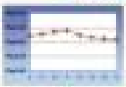
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Subsidy, price control seen to do more harm than good

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In Makati, office rental rates hit record high

FPHC to sell Philec stake

Lopez company boosting toll road business

By Daxim L. Lucas

PUBLICLY LISTED FIRST PHILIPPINE Holdings Corp. (FPHC) plans to sell portion of its stake in its manufacturing unit, First Philippine Electric Corp. (Philec), to fund the expansion of other business lines within the same sector.

At the same time, company president Elpidio Ibañez said the holding firm of the Lopez family would expand aggressively in the toll road business, having already lined up a string of projects over the medium term.

Speaking to reporters at a briefing, Ibañez said FPHC was considering the sale of as much as 20 percent of its stake in Philec—a manufacturer of transformers and power distribution equipment—and redeploying its capital to other manufacturing businesses.

FPHC owns 60 percent of Philec, but Ibañez said this could be reduced to 51 percent once a suitable buyer is found.

"We are studying the possible expansion of electrical products or putting up a small manufacturing plant overseas," he said.

Part of the proceeds may also be infused into the holding firm's partnership with SunPower Philippines Manufacturing Ltd. which manufactures materials used for solar cells.

During the briefing, FPHC also unveiled its project pipeline in the toll road business which it was expecting to pick up substantially as infrastructure investments pour into the northern Luzon area.

According to Ibañez, there is a large pipeline of projects that First Holdings may

LOPEZ B4

Lapses in corporate work

Corporate Securities Info

Raul J. Palabrica



CORPORATE LAWYERS ARE expected to be meticulous in the preparation of their clients' documents.

Their responsibility goes beyond seeing to it that the "i"s are dotted and the "t"s crossed. A missing digit, misplaced comma or improper choice of words can spell the difference between overpayment and underpayment in financial transactions.

For better results in the preparation of contracts, the rule of the thumb is, four eyes are better than two. Meaning, somebody else, not necessarily a lawyer, should review a contract earlier prepared by a lawyer.

A set of fresh eyes could spot the items that may have escaped the attention of the author of the contract. The mind can play tricks on the eyes so it's better that the review is done by somebody who comes in from the cold.

A second look is also necessary because some lawyers have preconceived notions about certain words and phrases, and assume that everybody thinks the same way.

The problem is compounded when the lawyer relies on stock knowledge (or what he learned or heard from law school) and has not updated himself on the laws or regulations that have a bearing on the contract.

Undefined term

Take, for example, the word "acknowledge." Its standard meaning is, to own or admit something as true, and in the case of documents, to receive.

For some lawyers, that word may mean having a document notarized by a notary public because the word "acknowledgment" is the heading of the part of the document where the notary certifies that he was present when it was signed.

Note the use of that word in the following provision of the by-laws of a corporation:

"A proxy may be entitled to vote provided it is in writing, properly notarized, acknowledged, and filed with the corporation."

From the point of view of the stockholder who issued the proxy, "acknowledged" means its receipt by the corporate secretary whether or not it's notarized.

The lawyer who drafted the provision in question claims the word should be understood to mean that the proxy had been acknowledged (or notarized) before a notary public.

There is a question now as whether the stockholder's unnotarized proxy can be used in the stockholders' meeting. Unless the parties agree on an acceptable definition, they may have to go to court to resolve the conflict in interpretation.

All that trouble could have been avoided had the phrase "before a notary public" been added to the contentious word.

Capital requirement

The mistakes mentioned above can be excused as a slip of the mind. The lawyer probably thought he and his client-stockholders were on the same wavelength on the definition of that word.

But the mistake cannot be tolerated if it involves substantive provisions of law, such as, in the case of corporate lawyers, qualification of directors, corporate objective and capitalization requirements.

Take the case of the paid-up capital requirements of stock corporations. The general rule is, 25 percent of the authorized capital stock should be sub-

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NOTICE OF TENDER OFFER TO SHAREHOLDERS OF KEPPEL PHILIPPINES MARINE, INC. (FORMERLY KEPPHIL SHIPYARD, INC.)

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ATR Kim Eng Securities, Inc. (Davao Branch)

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PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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More RP firms get to prepay debts

By Doris C. Dumlao

Surplus in balance of payments reached $1.26B in 1st 2 months

Shares close 0.6% . . .

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9 firms seen vying for Fujima property in Japan

50-yr lease of land at stake

SW or SWD for rice?

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Appeal to governors

Fraport gets $66.3M

RP forex reserves seen hitting $40B in '08

FPHC to cut . . .

Corporate Securities Info

Brush-up

In Makati, office rental rates hit record high

Bank warns vs 'quick-fix' to rice woes

Tobacco control group hits 7-11, cigarette firm

2 firms accused of violating outdoor advertising rules

German firms on mission to invest in RP

Fitch officials coming to town

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BUSINESS Friday

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino



YES, THE FILIPINO CAN

Exporters share secrets to survival

Filipinos rely on creativity to cope with strong peso



Asia Embroidery has diversified to accessories to stay afloat.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

OVERSEAS Filipino workers are not the only ones agonizing over ways to cope with the strong peso. Local exporters are, too.

Because labor, overhead and a chunk of raw material costs are bought and paid for in pesos, exporters had to raise their selling prices—quoted in US dollars—to make a profit or break even at the very least.

This has made many Philippine-made products too expensive in the eyes of foreign buyers, forcing many exporters to close down operations as bulk buyers of their products moved on to cheaper alternatives.

But there are veteran Philippine exporters who are determined to stay in the export game and continue championing the Filipino brand of craftsmanship and design in the world market.

They are used to the ups and downs of the peso and they believe that there are always ways to survive a downturn and emerge strong enough to ride on the next wave of growth.

Over 100 of these exporters took part in the 25th edition of the Manila FAME International trade show organized by the Center for Trade Exhibitions and Missions and Business Friday talked to a few of them who shared some of their secrets of survival.

For Asia Embroidery Inc., the key is to be relentless in coming up with unique products that the foreign market is willing to

EXPORTERS, B2-2

Is Ompong Remigio coming back to Manila?

AD BUZZ




CAMPAIGNS & Grey staff at the 2005 Cebu Ad congress

Federal pours P3.5B in QC




AQUINO says Japanese buyers want bird houses made of natural materials.

Exporters share secrets ...


THE FUSION lamp made of capiz sells well in Europe.



BUSINESS *Friday*

An apparel brand named after a pig

By Margie Quimpo-Espino



NAF NAF'S 2008 catalog cover features the shadow of the brains that is the star of its new marketing campaign.

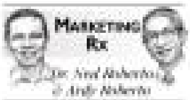
'The pig comes back with impact and it is very funny'





Angela Borromeo and Virginie Mauss

Product displays and shopping decision process - 2



Where's the beef?

The coming tipping point

Savemore: Your neighborhood supermarket



HAVE A GOOD DAY!

"Vulgarity is like a dash of paprika. Good taste or bad taste—it's no taste I'm against."
—Diana Vreeland, iconic Vogue editor



LIFESTYLE

How Cesar Gaupo got robbed of his name



GAUPO

Other well-known names and brands are being claimed by unknown registrants at the Intellectual Property Office

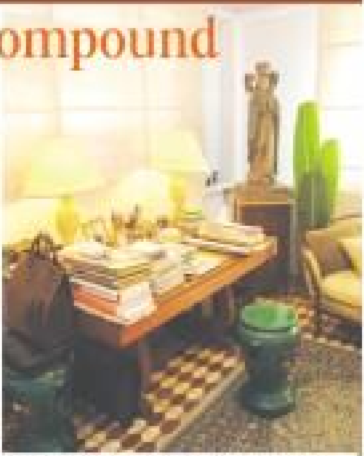


DESIGNER'S SPACE

Quiet corner in artists' compound

Jojie Lloren's shop is in Pasay City's best-kept secret address









Growing inventory

Adora: The store people are curious about

It wants to blaze a trail in Asia by mixing high-end with medium-market brands in an affluent setting







Prestige labels

Lofty goals

JS Unitrade Prides 2008 Awards Night

JS Unitrade Merchandise, Inc. recently held its 2008 Awards Night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Ortigas, Pasig City.
performances of sub-distributors and sales team members who have significantly surpassed their respective targets contributing to the continuous growth of the company.

EQ Dry product endorser, Pettie Dereide-Gabos, hosted the affair. JSU supply partners from different Asian countries also attended to witness the night of celebration and pride. The main event featured the awarding of the outstanding sub-distributors and sales team members who performed best in bringing the highest sales volume for the year 2007. These people were able to deliver and even surpassed expected results based on set criteria.

JS Unitrade does not only take pride on its people but also proudly speaks of its products. JS Unitrade is a highly successful nationwide distributor of consumer paper goods and imported personal care products known in the market today as EQ Baby Diapers, Dr. P Adult Diapers and Charmee Feminine Protection. JS Unitrade is dedicated to improving the lives of Filipinos through quality and affordable Asian-made products.

The 2008 Awards Night is JS Unitrade's way of recognizing and thanking its employees and partners who contributed in surpassing the company's objectives through hardwork, dedication and commitment. This then makes a perfect formula to a "no-longer secret" success, a pool of talented people and winning products.



Photo shows long-time business partners of JS Unitrade Merchandise Inc. that has maintained a good relationship through supplying quality products that is apt for the Philippine market. From left to right: Mr. Xu Huan Zhou, General Manager of Fujian Wasing Health Thing Co. Ltd.; Mr. Roger Tan, Marketing Manager of Khent Pak Products Pte Ltd; Mr Yu Bingbiang, President of Fujian Wasing Health Thing Co. Ltd.; Mr. Samuel Po, President of JS Unitrade Merchandise, Inc.; Mr Ding Yang Chin, Chairman & CEO of Ever Beauty Corporation Taiwan; Mr. Teo Kock Thye, Director of Khent Pak Products Pte Ltd.; Ms. Dora Lee and Julia Hsieh of Ever Beauty Corporation; and Mr. Eugene Go, Vice President for Marketing of JS Unitrade Merchandise, Inc.



JSU Sub Distributors that achieved the highest sales for 2007 as represented by (back, left to right) Mr. Dexter Montecastro of Delta Marketing Corporation, Ormoc; Mr. Paul Uy of Almer/Paul; Mr. Wenzon Yap & Mr. Albert Provenci of DA-DI DAGOHOY; Mr. Tomas Sia of Golden Century Marketing; Mr. Jay Go of United Consumer Sales Inc.; and Mr. Jose Marlowe Cona of JMC Enterprises. Joining in the photo are JSU top honchos (front, left to right) Mr. Manny Collado, Finance Comptroller; Mr. Samuel Po, President; Mr. Eugene Go, Vice President for Marketing & Mr. Ed Borges, Sales Director



Mr. Jay Go (center) owner of United Consumer Sales, Inc. distributor in Bacolod and Negros receives Sub-Distributor Excellence Award for Over-all Sales Achievement for the year 2007 with Mr. Eugene Go, JS Unitrade Vice President for Marketing (left) and JS Unitrade President Mr. Samuel L. Po (right).



Mr. Lester Duke Calderat (center), who covers Bacolod & Negros areas, won 4 Category awards and 2 Excellence Awards for Distributor and Key Account Management with Mr. Eugene Go, Vice President for Marketing (left) and President Mr. Samuel L. Po (right).



Mr. Paul Bellon (center), handling Visayas-Mindanao areas, accepts the 2007 Excellence Award for Area Sales Management with Mr. Eugene Go, Vice President for Marketing (left) and President Mr. Samuel L. Po (right).



For the strong 15 years of business partnership, Ever Beauty Corporation Chairman & CEO Mr. Ding Yang Chin (right) hands a Plaque of Appreciation to JS Unitrade President Mr. Samuel L. Po (left).



Transparent totes and shoes







How Cesar Gaupo . . .

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Contributing Editors: Apples Aberin-Sadhwani and Jerrol Epperson

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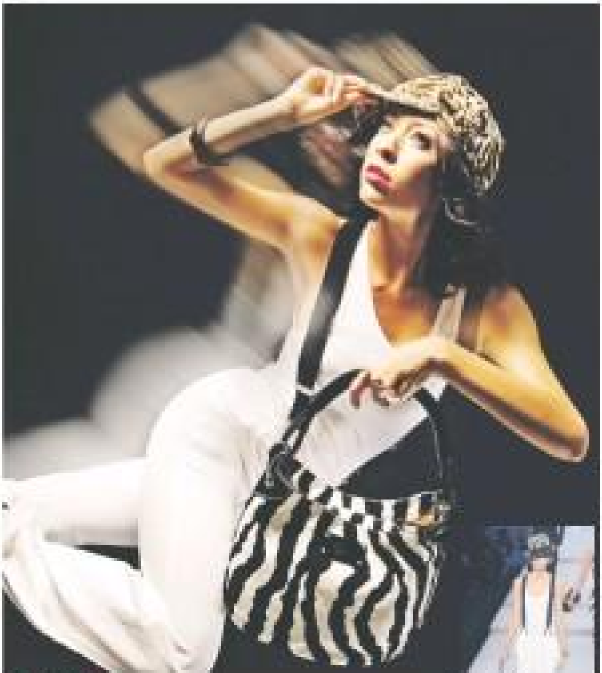
Be chic without breaking the bank

Tweak those trends. Don't dress exactly like the model on page 76 of Vogue

APPLES' PICKINGS



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani





Neon brights

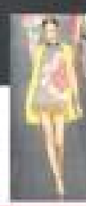
She's the man!

Be chic without breaking the ban









In full bloom

D.I.Y.

A doctor and mother of three opts for serious yet laidback style

Style trumps stress



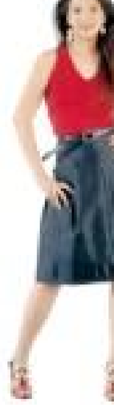




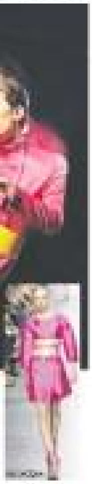
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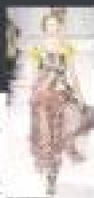
Fashion staple



Girl meets world







Animal instinct

Go for a safari color look by combining different animal or tribal prints. Mix with khakis, white or black to tame the potentially wild group. Or, for added contrast, match with brights like yellow or hot pink.

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Easy, sophisticated summer

From page D4

The best part about the line is you can take it from the beach to the city. The caps are pretty cover-ups that can transform into outerwear. They look great with jeans or girly shorts.

Solid colors and stripes, in pastels or red, pink and black, yield a classy, no-fuss beach look.

For men's swimwear, must-have pieces are also board-shorts. Variations of solid and paired stripes make you look laid-back. Tank tops, in geometric and stripes, are perfect for dressing down.

The color palette ranges from black, white and various of browns.

Whether you're in the city, on the beach, or in a tropical paradise in your imagination, summer is what you make of it.

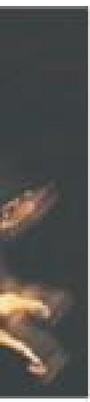
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Photography Altécio Aguillera
Hair Raymond Santiago
Makeup Bobi Flores
Clothes Folded & Hung



TAKE this cover-up from the beach to the city.

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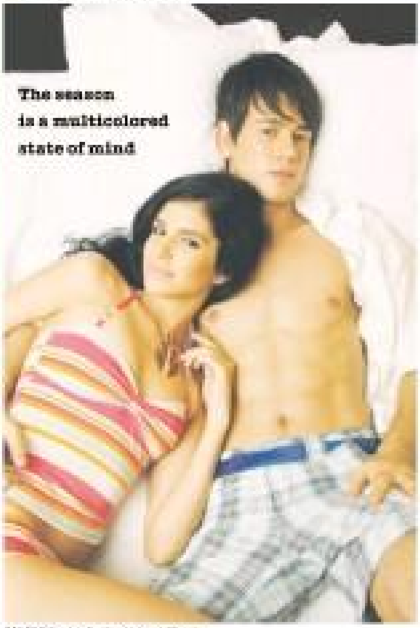
Shape up!

Define an hourglass figure by using a comfortable knit top. Emphasize the waist even more by donning an A-line skirt. Perfect for conventions that lead to cocktails or an evening out.

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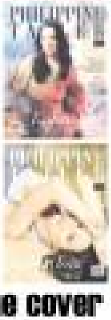




Easy, sophisticated summer







Three looks, one cover

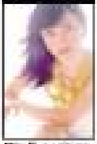
LIFESTYLE





Goodbye, Photoshop!

This new line prepares you for your close-up


KNOCKOUT!
Ria Francisco-Prieto

PERFECT evening look

MAKEUP by Daniel Artist of Make Up For Ever Paris

WHEN PUTTING ON makeup, you must have a flawless canvas of a face—or at least create an illusion of flawlessness. Make Up Forever, one of my fave brands, has come up with a line made for beauty junkies who live in a tech-driven, high-definition world.

In short, made for you and me.

The HD makeup line gives every woman a high-tech foundation and powder that lend the skin exceptional texture, correct uneven pigmentation and improve the skin's quality. All to make it ideal for photos and high-definition cameras.

This product was specifically formulated to respond to ultra-modern lenses, which can now capture even the most minute details of the skin.

The result: Natural imperfections are erased without you having to put on too much makeup. The skin's texture is harmonious and well-defined, the complexion is simply radiant.

In short, goodbye Photoshop!

With its wide range of shades to fit all skintones, Make Up For Ever's High Definition line offers makeup that looks and feels like second skin, even under artificial light.

Made up of extra-fine granules, this makeup is imperceptible onscreen and in photos. With its innovative formula, it adapts to the skin's needs, whether it's lack of moisture or radiance.

HD Foundation promises to increase skin's moisturization by 46 percent after four hours. Its main ingredient, forms a film that protects skin from harsh and damaging environmental factors.

Besides, it extends the diffusion of light

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MAKE UP Forever High Definition Powder


MAKEUP Forever's Soft Color Collection

BEAUTY

Bringing romance back to young-looking skin

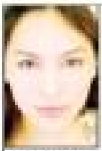
At the Pond's Institute in New York, beauty is a high-end, high-tech ideal

R&D facility

Detailed explanations

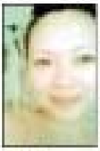


For that all-natural glow



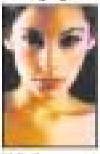


Skincare, the vintage way

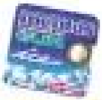




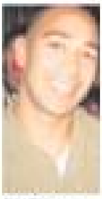
Keep your breath fresh and pleasant











GRANT Hooks

How to get that no-makeup look

Makeover 911



Becca Cosmetics' foundation is almost invisible to the eye





MATTIFYING primer

Bestseller 1

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Beauty and the blog

Go Fug Yourself
www.gofugyourself.com

THE FUG GIRLS, HEATHER AND JESSICA, believe there is only one weapon against the crimes of fashion committed by the rich and famous—Ridicule.

And boy do they do so on their immensely popular blog, Go Fug Yourself.

Entries are categorized by personalities, which makes it easier to read about Lindsay Lohan's penchant for leggings, or Paris Hilton's traffic-stopping outfits ("She's so shiny and sparkly and clichéd, ... what Las Vegas would look like if it were a dress... it did not look for the wrong way, we're all going to be blinded.")

Then Britney Spears posts and laugh-out-loud celebrity ... and ... fashion. Their ... are also ...

Fug the Cover ... magazine ... Olivia ... cover: "That doesn't even look like her face to me. ... Miami Beach ... photo...")

Click on the Well Played category to see the girls give the thumbs up to celebrities who get it right.

The blog has become ... and fans can't ... to ... Why, they even have their own book now!

Goodbye, Photoshop!



THE FACE ... camera

From page E1

... the glowing effect. Plus, the oil-free formula keeps skin from getting oily.

HD Powder is 100 percent mineral powder. It's one of the few powders that don't have talc, which dries the skin. Its spherical micro beads work to smooth out imperfections and lighten up dull complexions.

On and off screen, your face will look flawless with this high-tech makeup line from Make Up For Ever.

Make Up For Ever is available at S.S. Shangri-La Plaza Mall (tel. ...), S.S. The Block, SM City North Edsa (...), S.S. Boutique High Street, Taguig (...), Rustan's, G.S. Mall 1, SM Megamall (...).

Big Finds For Your Little Bundle Of Joy at Robinsons Department Store's "Baby Fair"

(Discounts and 'Cutest Baby Photo Contest' from April 1 to 30)



"Infanticipating" is such a thrilling experience, but it can sometimes be a source of stress. Along with the excitement is the anxiety—shopping and baby shower strains included. So whether you are proud parents shopping for your newborn's or toddler's needs, soon-to-be grandparents trying to help out, or someone set to surprise your preggy pal with a grand baby bash, you will find Robinsons Department Store (RDS) as a one-stop shop for all of baby's needs.

As RDS celebrates "Baby Fair" this whole month of April, you can get lots of quality baby essentials. Get discounts of up to 50% off on baby basics: feeding bottles, [illegible] at reasonable prices.

If you're on the lookout for the best baby garments, look into RDS' line of infant wear and find onesies, caps, socks, shoes, rompers, jammies, tees and those charming apparel that readily come on and off with sturdy snaps, velcro or buttons that make dressing and un-dressing worry-free. If you can, tag your toddlers along so they will see for themselves the stash of toys, books, trainers and activity items that await them. Parents who are decided on baby-proofing their homes will surely find RDS a go-to haven.

As you delight on discounts, your little one gets a chance to join the "3rd Annual Cutest Baby Photo Contest" if you purchase P500 worth of items at RDS Infants' Department, for a chance to take home a total of 100,000 pesos worth of Gift Certificates. Deadline for submission of entries is on April 30, 2008 and judging is on May 11, 2008.





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LIFESTYLE

Malls should be female-friendly

They're designed, owned, managed by men, yet we expect women to participate—and spend



PACO Underhill is guest speaker at Ayala Merchants Forum.

By Margo C. Enriquez
Contributor

FILIPINOS AND THE REST OF the world deserve a better shopping environment.

To ensure that has been one of the missions of Paco Underhill, author, CEO and president of the research and consulting firm Envirosell, [illegible] shopping malls in the world.

His first book, "Why We Buy: The Science of Shopping" was published in [illegible] languages. His second book, "The Call of the Mall: The Geography of Shopping," has become an industry bible.

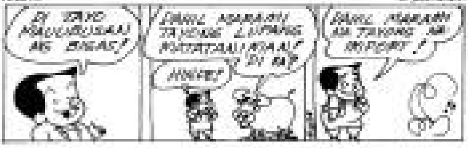
He was the guest speaker in the [illegible] Ayala Malls Merchant Forum held this week at Hotel InterContinental.

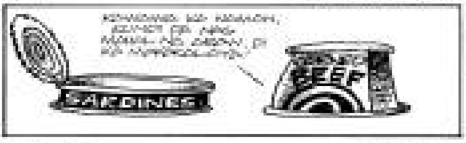
In an interview with Inquirer, he said one of the thrusts of [illegible] the relationship between landlord and tenant, and how it can generate better results for the store which, in turn, makes better results for the mall. He cited the key issues that mall developers and merchants should address.

Crisis of visual acuity. "The visual language—the way we use images to communicate issues of brand, information in a [illegible]

MALLS F2



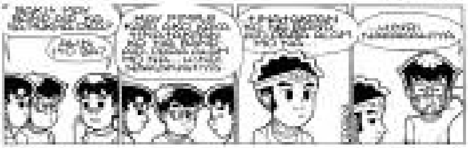




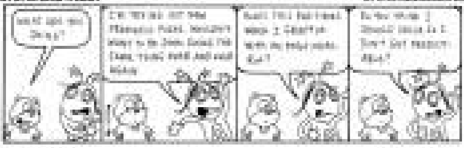


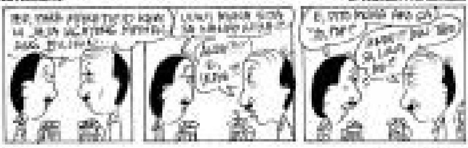


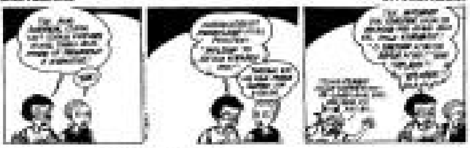






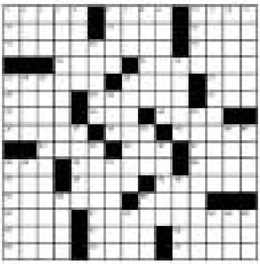


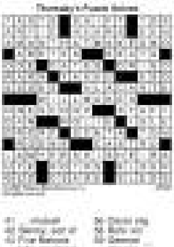






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HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCES DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

Malls should be female-friendly

Staff should read body language. 'When the customer walks in and is agitated, you go and ask, 'How can I help you?' When someone is out to enjoy himself, you leave him alone.'



Maxi dresses and gladiator sandals



Nina Garcia is out of Elle

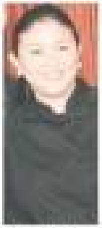
Godiva launches new Safe Sea







Assumption's class of 1983 kicks off 'velada year'



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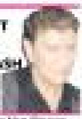
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WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



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Silver jubilee

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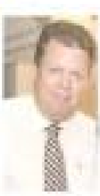
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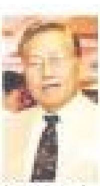
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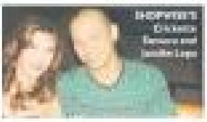
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LIVING Stars



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ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

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EARTH DAY 2008

Catch the special screenings of these award-winning eco-awareness films from the Moonrise Festivals.

Moving Mountains · Lawa ng Bae · Endangered Tales
No More Dead Seasons · Children of the Mountains



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STARMILLS

1 SHUTTER
2 MEET THE SPARTANS
3 MANAY PO 2
4 SUPAHPAPALICIOUS
5 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
6 SEMI-PRO

BACOLOD

1 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
2 MANAY PO 2
3 FOOL'S GOLD
4 SOLSTICE
5 THE FLOCK
6 PRIVATE MOMENTS

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1 FORBIDDEN KINGDOM
2 FOOL'S GOLD
3 MANAY PO 2
4 OVER HER DEAD BODY
5 SOLSTICE
6 STEP UP 2

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AT THE CINEMAS

GLORIETTA 1	1 STREET KINGS	2 NIM'S ISLAND	3 SUPERHERO MOVIE	4 MANAY PO 2: OVERLOAD		
GLORIETTA 4	1 88 MINUTES	2 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	3 STREET KINGS	4 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	5 NIM'S ISLAND	6 SUPERHERO MOVIE	7 SHUTTER
GREENBELT 1	1 STREET KINGS	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE				
GREENBELT 3	1 88 MINUTES	2 STREET KINGS	3 SHUTTER	4 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	5 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 STREET KINGS	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE	3 88 MINUTES	4 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	5 SHUTTER	
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MARKET! MARKET!	1 STREET KINGS	2 NIM'S ISLAND	3 SUPERHERO MOVIE	4 88 MINUTES	5 MANAY PO 2: OVERLOAD	
TRINOMA	1 MANAY PO 2: OVERLOAD	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE	3 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	4 SHUTTER	5 NIM'S ISLAND	6 88 MINUTES	7 STREET KINGS

AT THE MALLS

Ayala Malls

- Glorietta
- Greenbelt
- Alabang Town Center
- Ayala Center Cebu
- Market! Market!
- Cinemalls
- Ayala Museum
- TriNoma

Backyard concerto



Regine opens her new home for her birthday special

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

SHE ACTUALLY WANTED TO take a nap, but since a TV crew was already setting up to tape her birthday special, singer Regine Velasquez headed straight to the kitchen to whip up a home-cooked meal for the 300 or so guests that gathered in her new Quezon City home.

"I got so excited that I decided to cook. It's therapy for me," she now tells Living Stars.

Since moving in last Nov. 11, Regine, the cook, has mastered dishes as varied as pancakes, steaks and kaldereta.

(She says Michelle van Eimeren, boyfriend Ogie Alcasid's ex-wife, shared some recipes with her.)

"It's inspiring to cook in my new kitchen," Regine says. "I instantly fell in love with its design when I saw it in a magazine."

(She was initially shocked to learn that her Boffi Casa kitchen showcase had to be ordered and shipped from Italy. "I had to wait five months," she recounts.

(These days, when she goes malling, she says, she is inevitably drawn to the kitchenware section.)

Her state-of-the-art kitchen was put to good use on taping day, April 11.

À la Streisand

The birthday special, titled "The Best of Me," will be aired April 27 on GMA 7. The backyard concerto is described by neighbor and guest Al-Al de las Alas as an "intimate concert à la Barbra Streisand."

"Unlike Barbra though, I don't have a mountain in my backyard," Regine quips.

The house stands on a hill, though, and was designed by architect Anthony Nazareno, with Cynthia Almario as interior designer.

Regine says the infinity pool was inspired by the Korean soap, "Full House."

"The edge of the pool is glass," she notes.

(Regine is the lead star of the local version of the Korean soap "Kim Sam Soon." A weekly special, "Songbird," is in the works.)

For the birthday concert, a stage was built on top of the infinity pool, which offers a breathtaking view of the city and a nearby golf course. "I've always wanted a modern glass house—[so] there's a view from every corner," she points out.

Regine's new home inspires an eco-trip. Fittingly, the birthday special has an environment-friendly theme.

"My actual birthday (April 22) is Earth Day," she said. "And I'm learning about the environment."

Although she values her privacy, she gladly threw her doors open, she says, since "It was for my birthday and most of the [illegible] were invited."


DUET with Ogie is "Falling Slowly," a current favorite.


MODERN glass house offers great views.

Non-usual lineup

Apart from Al-Al, other celebrity guests that night were Mikee Cojuangco-Jaworski, Bob Ledesma and daughter Isabelle Gonzalez, Michael V, Ayra, Marian Rivera and "Etikap" producer Tony Tuviera.

Onstage, Regine was joined by singers Jay-R, Kyla and boyfriend Ogie Alcasid.

"Ogie and I sang our favorite, 'Falling Slowly' from the [Irish] movie 'Once.' It won Best Original Song at this year's Oscars," she says.

Most of the 13 songs in the repertoire are new to Regine, she concedes.

"Young [Kenny Loggins' classic] 'Footloose' and Josh Groban's Italian ballad 'Per Te.' These are songs that I don't usually do in my shows," she says. "I wanted to do something different for this one."


SONGBIRD opens her doors for 300 guests— and thousands of televiewers.


RAUL MITRA is musical director.


THE special show is directed by Louie Ignacio (with red scarf).

ENTERTAINMENT



ROSA ROSAL, one of RP's true movie queens

Indie group mounts Rosa Rosal festival

By Marinel R. Cruz

A RETROSPECTIVE OF ONE of the country's certified movie queens, and a peek at indie filmmaking circa 1970s and '80s, top-bill Sine Classics Festival—a quarterly event organized by the Independent Filmmakers Cooperative of the Philippines (IFC).

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BABY BUMP



Asian cuisine, vampire with a twist and Earth Day stories

THE ASIAN FOOD CHANNEL (AFC), THE first and only 24-hour Asian cable TV channel showcasing Asian food, is now seen on SkyCable Channel 59. [illegible]

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Vampire story

[illegible] "Moonlight," a romantic thriller with a new twist on the vampire legend, beginning tonight at 9. [illegible]

"Moonlight," the 2008 People's Choice [illegible] Alex O'Loughlin as Mick St. John [illegible]

'Good Morning America'

[illegible] "Good Morning America," [illegible]





ALEX O'Loughlin, top left, as Mick St. John in "Moonlight." Above, a "serving" of Asian Food Channel.

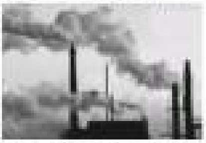
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Kids' Channels

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Earth Day Specials

The National Geographic Channel [illegible] Earth Day Specials [illegible] on April 22, [illegible]



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'Guide to Style'

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Pinoy jazz ...



'I'm going to be a rock-soul singer'

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Celebrity fans

Different person



Pinoy jazz vocal champ spreads his wings in LA

Mon David thinks the possibilities are endless



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Tremendous growth



RETURN OF THE '80S

